

NEUROENDOCRINE GUT AND PANCREATIC TUMORS RECENT ADVANCES IN DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT

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Our third international workshop on Recent Advances in Diagnosis and Treatment in Neuroendocrine Gut and Pancreatic Tumors was a continuation of two previous meetings, held in Sweden, to update the recent knowledge and extend frontiers in the diagnosis and treatment of these tumors. This time I decided to concentrate on some new areas, in particular growth factors and their receptors and also on new diagnostic techniques, such as positron emission tomography and somatostatin scintigraphy. Furthermore, we also wanted to update the results of treatment with somatostatin analogs and alpha interferons.

The Lofoten meeting inspired us to most stimulating discussions, both day and night. I am grateful to all participants, both speakers and delegates who made this meeting such a success. I also want to express my gratitude to our sponsors, Schering-Plough Sweden, Sandoz Sweden and Norway, and Mallinckrodt Medical Holland. Without their financial support it would have been impossible to organize such a meeting. I am also grateful to Ebbe and his wife Christine who took care of us and put together a most exciting social program. A special word of thanks to my secretary, Anette Jurka, who managed to hold everything together and last but not least to Acta Oncologica for once more including the symposium proceedings in its regular series of publications.

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